

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-01606-TNM**

NATIONAL STUDENT LEGAL DEFENSE NETWORK v.  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
Assigned to: Judge Trevor N. McFadden  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 07/06/2018  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

**Plaintiff**

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**Defendant**

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| Date Filed | #        | Docket Text                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| 07/06/2018 | <u>1</u> | COMPLAINT against UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5574500) filed by NATIONAL STUDENT LEGAL DEFENSE NETWORK. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1, # <u>2</u> Exhibit 2, # <u>3</u> Exhibit 3, # <u>4</u> Exhibit 4, # <u>5</u> Exhibit 5, # <u>6</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>7</u> Summons)(Upton Fulford, Martha) (Entered: 07/06/2018) |
| 07/06/2018 | <u>2</u> | LCvR 7.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by NATIONAL STUDENT LEGAL DEFENSE NETWORK (Upton Fulford, Martha) (Entered: 07/06/2018)                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 07/06/2018 | <u>3</u> | MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice :Attorney Name- Alexander S. Elson, :Firm- National Student Legal Defense Network, :Address- 1015 15th Street NW #600, Washington, D.C. 20005. Phone No. - (202) 734-7495. Filing fee \$ 100, receipt number 0090-5574607. Fee Status: Fee Paid. by NATIONAL STUDENT LEGAL                                                                   |

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|            |          | DEFENSE NETWORK (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Affidavit, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Upton Fulford, Martha) (Entered: 07/06/2018)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 07/06/2018 |          | Case Assigned to Judge Trevor N. McFadden. (zjd) (Entered: 07/06/2018)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 07/06/2018 | <u>4</u> | SUMMONS (1) Issued Electronically as to UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zjd) (Entered: 07/06/2018)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 07/06/2018 |          | MINUTE ORDER granting the <u>3</u> Motion for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice of Attorney Alexander S. Elson. Counsel shall promptly register for this Court's CM/ECF system. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 7/6/2018. (lctnm2) (Entered: 07/06/2018)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 07/13/2018 | <u>5</u> | RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 7/13/2018. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 8/12/2018.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 07/13/2018., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION served on 7/12/2018 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A)(Elson, Alexander) (Entered: 07/13/2018)                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 08/13/2018 | <u>6</u> | ANSWER to Complaint by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.(Haynes, Fred) (Entered: 08/13/2018)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 08/15/2018 |          | MINUTE ORDER. Before the Court are a complaint and an answer in this FOIA case. It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall meet and confer and file a Joint Status Report proposing a schedule for proceeding in this matter. The schedule should address, among other things, the status of Plaintiff's FOIA request, the anticipated number of documents responsive to Plaintiff's FOIA request, the anticipated date(s) for release of the documents requested by Plaintiff, whether a Vaughn index will be required in this case, and a briefing schedule for dispositive motions, if required. The parties shall file the Joint Status Report on or before September 6, 2018. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 8/15/2018. (lctnm2) (Entered: 08/15/2018) |
| 08/16/2018 |          | Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 9/6/2018. (hmc) (Entered: 08/16/2018)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 09/06/2018 | <u>7</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. (Haynes, Fred) (Entered: 09/06/2018)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 09/10/2018 |          | NOTICE OF HEARING: The parties shall take notice that a Status Conference is set for 9/26/2018, at 10:00 AM in Courtroom 2 before Judge Trevor N. McFadden. (hmc) (Entered: 09/10/2018)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 09/26/2018 |          | Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Trevor N. McFadden: Status Conference held on 9/26/2018. Parties shall file a Joint Status Report by 11/26/2018, and every two months thereafter. (Court Reporter: Patricia Kaneshiro-Miller.) (hmc) (Entered: 09/26/2018)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 11/26/2018 | <u>8</u> | Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File <i>the Parties' Joint Status Report</i> by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (Haynes, Fred) (Entered: 11/26/2018)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |